

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are currently pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 22, 24, 26, and 27 have been amended; and claims 28-45 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-45 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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